GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MANAGEMENT OF GROUND WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government for management of ground water resources in the country including Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of measures taken for management and development of ground water resources in the country including Maharashtra; and

(d) the details of artificial recharge projects undertaken in the Tenth and Eleventh Plan Period in the country including Maharashtra?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c) The Government has taken following steps for management and development of ground water resources in the country including Maharashtra:-

(i) Approval of the scheme for `Ground Water Management and Regulation` for Eleventh Plan with an outlay of Rs. 460.00 crores.

(ii) Approval of the scheme for `Artificial Recharge to Ground Water through Dugwells`.

(iii) Implementation of demonstrative recharge projects.

(iv) Constitution of Advisory Council on Artificial Recharge of Ground Water to popularize to concept of artificial recharge amongst all stakeholders.

(v) Setting up of Central Ground Water Authority for regulation and control of ground water management and development.

(d) Details of artificial recharge projects undertaken in the Tenth and Eleventh Plan in the country are given below:-

In the X Five year Plan, the demonstrative artificial recharge projects had been approved for implementation at the cost of Rs.5.90 crores.

As part of XI Plan, an amount of Rs.100.00 crores has been approved for artificial recharge studies in priority areas viz. over-exploited, critical assessment units, urban areas, etc., under the Central Sector Scheme of Ground Water Management & Regulation. An amount of Rs. 1798.71 crores has also been sanctioned for Artificial Recharge of Ground Water through Dugwells in 7 States including Maharaashtra.